

Notice of Public Scoping

Grazing Permit Renewals and Land Health Assessments

Comment Period: Open until October 31, 2005

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The Glenwood Springs Field Office (FO) is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing land areas for the assessment of public land health standards for Colorado. Secondly, we intend to renew (19) grazing permit\leases in 2006. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on a land area basis. During FY 2006 the Glenwood Springs FO will be completing a land health assessment in the following: Colorado River - Burns to State Bridge area where work will be completed in FY06.

Once the FO receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Using the public comments and all other available information provided, the FO Inter-Disciplinary Team will establish the priority list of the land areas that will be assessed for compliance with the health standards during the 2006 field season.

Following is the land area and acreage identified in the FO that we are soliciting input regarding when the assessment will be initiated.

Name	Federal Acreage
Colorado River - Burns to State Bridge	55,436

The FO will be also be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain grazing permit\leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is,

the more helpful and useful it will be.

An interdisciplinary team will rank the expiring permits into high and low priority categories based on public comments and all other information available. The ranking will help determine the amount of consideration necessary and the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for reaching a decision on each grazing permit renewal. The ranking will also help to allocate resources to address concerns on a priority basis.

The following BLM grazing permits/leases are scheduled for renewal in FY2006 on the following BLM grazing allotments in the Glenwood Springs Field Office:

Permittee/Lessee	Allotment Name & Number	Federal Acres	Land Area
Mark J. Nieslanik	N. Thompson Creek Common # 08348	3,260	Roaring Fork
Cecil Gardner	East Fork Com. #18901	8,461	Roan Cliffs
Randy and Teresa Burdick	JQS Common #18908	10,457	Roan Cliffs
Frank and Sheila Daley	Cottonwood Gulch #08924	9,605	Rifle West
	Mahaffey Summer # 08913	1,908	Roan Cliffs
Marvelle Couey	Dry Hollow Reservoir Gulch #08127	6,916	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
	Doak #18005	404	Rifle Creek
	Couey 1 #08115	147	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
	Couey 2 #08118	87	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
	Middle Mamm Creek #08128	1,232	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
Reno K. Cerise	Cerise #08340	682	Roaring Fork
Dorothy D. and John V. Nauroth	Upper Wallace Com. #08129	2,189	Battlement Mesa
Robert T. Wheeler	Dry Hollow Reservoir Gulch #08127	6,916	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
Ocmulgee Properties, Inc.	Boiler Creek #08210	2,492	Glenwood Springs West
	Bearwallow & Jolley #08208	2,747	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
	BWJ Forest #08229	363	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - North
Alvin W. Woody	Oates #08103	1,203	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
Highland Springs Ranch, Inc.	Bambi #08669	2,070	King Mountain
Record Ranch - Don Fulton	Dry Hollow Reservoir Gulch #08127	6,916	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South

	East Divide Common #08105	13,779	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
Stephen L. & Marie B. Belgum	SW Rifle Creek #18013	1,282	Rifle Creek
	Hayden #08015	167	Rifle Creek
	Harris Gulch #18013	2,238	Rifle Creek
Schlegel Ranch Partnership, LTD	Castle Ind. #08609	1,263	Colorado River - Burns to State Bridge
	Upper Cottonwood #08639	1,125	North Eagle
	Greenhorn #08641	11,237	North Eagle
	Catamount Common #08619	6,609	Colorado River - Burns to State Bridge
Bearwallow Ranch	Harris Park #08209	2,643	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - North
Calvin D. & Warren W. Roberts	Bowen Isolated Tract #18004	198	Rifle Creek
Allen Schaeffer and Jack Farris	East Fork Common #18910	8,461	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
	Callahan Mtn. Common #08919	1,631	Rifle West
Joe Dice	South Canyon #08217	2,346	Colorado River - Rifle to GWS - South
Larry H. Robinson	Government Creek Com. #18039	7,567	Rifle Creek
	Hubbard Mesa #18903	6,760	Rifle Creek

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested party on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in a health of the land assessment, please contact the individual at the address above to be put on a mailing list. If you do have not specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address above.